

Epichem Wins Export Award

The prestigious Queen's Award for Export Achievement was recently presented to Epichem at their Bromborough, UK, facility by the Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside. Also present at the event was local MP Barry Porter, Epichem employees and many of their customers from around the world.

The Award is only presented to approximately one in ten of the companies that apply for it each year and Epichem is the only company to win the 1996 Export Award in this region.

Epichem also recently announced the opening of offices in Pennsylvania, Boston and California to promote their electronic purity chemicals and gases in the US.



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Barry Leese (left) and Graham Williams (right) show the Lord Lieutenant (centre left) and Barry Porter MP (centre right) around Epichem's Bromborough facility.

Tosoh SMD's Titanium Target

Tosoh SMD has developed the patented Prelude® diffusion-bonded titanium target assembly for the Applied Materials Durasource™ TN and TTN Cathode.

By putting costly high purity titanium material

only in the area

to be sput-

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SMD aims

to improve

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mance and

lower the

cost of owner-

ship of the Prelude®

target. The diffusion-bonded

Prelude® has an inexpensive,

lightweight, high strength, aluminum backing plate which

provides higher thermal conductivity than a monolithic

titanium target. The Prelude® target runs cooler during

operation with less distortion and deflection, even at higher powers. Due to the light weight of the Prelude®, installation is quick and easy, and shipping is less costly. It

has a long target life of

1800 kW hours —

the same as

the mono-

lithic target

— and is

priced

lower than

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